28.11.2005 for inviting objections and suggestions from the public. While finalizing the draft rules, the objections and suggestions received on the draft rules would be taken into consideration after a period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to public.

Infectious injectible medical equipments

†3463. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to repeated use of injectible medical equipments in almost all the Government and private hospitals/clinics in the country, the increasing incidents of serious infections like AIDS is becoming alarming day by day;

(b) if so, whether this fact has come to light after conducting a survey of several hospitals in Delhi and Mumbai in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider to check this practice by assisting the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, in July 1998 to ensure safe handling and disposal of bio-medical wastes. In Central Government Hospital in Delhi, the disposable injectible sundries (Syringes, needles, cannulas, transfusion sets, tubes etc.) are disposed off as per the guidelines contained in the above Rules.

(b) No such survey report has come to the notice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

AIIMS like institutions in States

3464. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government propose to set up six AIIMS like institutions in the country;

(b) the funds allocated and incurred, so far, on each of the proposed institutions;

(c) whether Government have received proposals from various State Governments for establishing one such institution in their states; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it is proposed to set up one AIIMS-like institution each in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal. These states were chosen as they were under served in terms of medical infrastructure, high incidence of mortality and morbidity, inadequate facilities for super-speciality services etc. This Ministry has been receiving requests from various other States for setting up of AIIMS like Institutions. Under the PMSSY Scheme, it is therefore envisaged to strengthen eleven existing medical college institutions, to the level of AIIMS, in ten different States, where a new AIIMS is not being set up. Pending the necessary clearances, start up activities relating to PMSSY Scheme including construction of boundary wall have been started for which Rs. 12 crores (approx.) have been spent so far.

Abuse of analgesic capsules in North Eastern States

3465. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNAIDS Chief has expressed concern over abuse of analgesic capsule, Spasmoproxyvon in the North Eastern States which causes capillaries and veins blockage, which ultimately lead to amputation; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to reduce its misuse and make it less widely available in the North East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Executive Director